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The Palace, Mysore,

19th December 1923.

Dear Mr. Hayavadana Rao,

I am greatly obliged to you for sending me a copy of the I.S. Reformer containing a reference to me. I appreciate your kindness very much.

I may, however, tell you that there is absolutely no foundation in fact for that rumour. The Government of India do not (and cannot) interfere with appointments like mine. So far as I am personally concerned it will interest, and I am sure, please you to know that I have received nothing but the utmost kindness from the Viceroy downwards when they were here recently, and my relations with the Resident, for whom I entertain a high regard, are most cordial.

It is an age since we met. I hope I shall have that pleasure before long.

Before closing this letter let me thank you most warmly for the extremely nice things you have said (I presume you wrote the note) about me in the paper.

Yours sincerely,

Sd / MIRZA M. ISMAIL

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Mysore,

19th December 1923.

My dear Mr. Barton,

I am sending you herewith a copy of a note by the Chairman, Mysore Iron Works, as I think you will be interested to have first-hand information of what is going on there. I do not want the papers back.

You may have noticed references in various newspapers to a statement made by the Mysore Correspondent of the "Hindu" regarding me. I am sorry that the 'Hindu' should have given publicity to a rumour of that sort, but you know what these papers are. I am taking action to contradict the mischievous statement, which as you can well imagine, has caused me no little pain and embarrassment. That I should have been the cause, however innocent, of such an ill-natured attack on those at whose hands I have received nothing but kindness, makes me feel all the more sad.

Yours sincerely,

Sd / Mirza M. Ismail.

P.S.

I am enclosing Sir Basil Blackett's letter too.

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